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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: SHUTTLE-SALYUT (04.06)

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1. ON JANUARY 24 EMBOFF GAVE INFORMATION BOOKLET ON SHUTTLE CAPABILITIES (REF A) TO INTERKOSMOS REP. (REF B NOTED THAT ON JANUARY 3 SOVIETS GAVE US INFORMATION BOOKLET ON SALYUT CAPABILITIES, WHICH WE POUCHED TO NASA SAME DAY) EMBOFF NOTED THAT US BOOKLET APPEARED TO PROVIDE MORE CONCRETE DATA ABOUT SHUTTLE THAN THE SOVIET PRESENTATION PROVIDED ABOUT THE SALYUT. INTERKOSMOS REP REPLIED THAT IF US SPECIALISTS FELT THEY NEEDED MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, THEY SHOULD REQUEST IT. (FYI: US BOOKLET PROVIDED MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION ABOUT DIMENSIONS AND CAPACITIES THAN DID THE SOVIET MATERIAL.)

2. EMBOFF INQUIRED WHETHER SOVIETS WERE AIMING TO EXCEED US RECORD OF 84 DAY MANNED ORBITAL FIGHT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERKOSMOS REP REPLIED THAT SALYUT 6'S FLIGHT PROGRAM DID NOT INCLUDE A SPECIFIC GOAL FOR ORBITAL FLIGHT TIME. DURATION OF MISSION WOULD DEPEND ON THE HEALTH OF THE COSMONAUTS; HOWEVER, IT "IS NOT EXCLUDED" THAT THEY WILL REMAIN IN ORBIT LONGER THAN THE US SKYLAB TEAM DID. INTERKOSMOS REP CONFIRMED THAT NEW SOVIET UNMANNED RESUPPLY

CRAFT, "PROGRESS 1," HAD PLAYED THE ACTIVE ROLE DURING ITS RECENT DOCKING WITH SALYUT 6 STATION. INTERKOSMOS REP ALSO CONFIRMED THAT "PROGRESS 1" WILL NOT LONG REMAINED IN DOCKED CONFIGURATION WITH SALYUT AND THAT IT DOES NOTHAVE ANY REUSE CAPABILITY. MATLOCK

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